

Fiscal Year 2008 Operation Stonegarden (OPSG)

Announcement Fact Sheet

Overview

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Operation Stonegarden (OPSG) focuses on enhancing law enforcement preparedness and operational readiness along the land borders of the United States. OPSG provides funding to designated localities to enhance cooperation and coordination among federal, state, tribal and local law enforcement agencies to secure the United States' land borders.

Eligibility

United States land borders are defined as those border counties, towns, and cities of southwestern states that border Mexico and those northern states that border Canada, including Alaska. However, only local units of government at the county or equivalent level of local government may apply for OPSG funds through their State Administrative Agency (SAA).

Allowable/Unallowable Expenses

Allowable Costs:

- **Operational Overtime** (no more than 50 percent of the total award)- Operational overtime costs associated with law enforcement activities, in support of border law enforcement agencies for increased border security enhancement
- **Travel and Per Diem**- Travel and per diem costs associated with the deployment/redeployment of personnel to border areas and for travel associated with law enforcement entities assisting other local jurisdictions in law enforcement activities
- **Vehicle/Equipment maintenance**
- **Reimbursement for mileage** (no more than 10 percent of the total award)
- **Fuel cost** (no more than 10 percent of the total award)
- **National Guard deployments in support of border security activities**
- **Equipment**- Operation Stonegarden funds may also be used for acquisition of equipment listed under the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention equipment categories found in the Authorized Equipment List (AEL). The FY 2008 AEL is available in its entirety online through the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB) at <http://www.rkb.us/>

Unallowable Costs:

- **Supplanting**- Costs associated with staffing and general IT computing equipment, and hardware such as personal computers, faxes, copy machines, modems, etc. OPSG funding shall not be used to supplant inherent routine patrols and law enforcement operations or activities not directly related to providing enhanced coordination between local and federal law enforcement agencies.
- **Management and Administrative (M&A) Costs**
- **Personnel Costs**
- **Construction and renovation**
- **Hiring of Public Safety or Law Enforcement Personnel**

Performance Period

The period of performance is 36 months. Any unobligated funds will be deobligated at the end of this period. Extensions to the period of performance will be considered only through formal requests to FEMA with specific and compelling justifications why an extension is required.

Application & Due Date

Phase One: Applications consisting of the Budget Narrative Worksheet and draft Operations Order will be created and reviewed for completeness at the local county level, in coordination with State and Federal law enforcement agencies to include but not limited to CBP.

- Budget Narrative Worksheets and draft Operations Orders from local border counties must be forwarded electronically to the SAA by **April 1, 2008** for review and consolidation by the SAA.

Phase Two: The SAA will be the central repository for all applications from the local border counties within the State.

- The SAA will create a summary document as part of the application to DHS identifying:
 - Individual border County applicants
 - Requested funding amounts
 - The aggregate total of requested funding should represent the summary of all border County applicants within the State.
- Each local border county's Budget Narrative Worksheet and draft Operations Order will be forwarded as attachments as part of the final application from the SAA to DHS.

Evaluation

DHS will evaluate and act on eligible applications within 90 days following the close of the application period. Each applicant's final funding allocation will be determined using a combination of the results of a risk analysis, the Budget Narrative Worksheet and draft Operations Order. DHS will announce final award amounts by State and by local border county.